

HONORING WASHINGTON STATE
TROOPER SEAN O'CONNELL

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Washington State Trooper Sean O'Connell. Trooper O'Connell was respected by both community and colleagues, and deeply loved by his family and friends. His life was cut tragically short when he was struck by a truck while redirecting traffic on his motorcycle near the site of the 1–5 bridge collapse. He was 38 years old and left behind a wife and a young son and daughter.

His memorial service, held last Thursday, was attended by thousands. Officers and troopers came from across the United States and even Canada to honor him. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste called Trooper O'Connell a "tremendous human being" who "exemplified service with humility." This husband, father, and friend cannot be replaced, but his sacrifice will always be remembered and his legacy of compassion and service will live on after him. He is gone but not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Trooper Sean O'Connell, badge 1076, and I thank him for all he gave back to the people of Washington State.

HONORING DIANNE J. TAYLOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dianne J. Taylor, an employee of the Mississippi Department of Human Services for over twenty years.

The opportunity to become a civil servant of any branch of the government is a great privilege to be able to serve the American people. Dianne graduated from Troy State University in 1993 with her B.S. Degree in Resource Management and shortly afterwards she began her career with the Mississippi Department of Human Services in that same year.

In an effort to build upon her academic training and hands on learning within the agency, Dianne returned to school and received her MBA from Delta State University in 2004. During this entire time, she maintained her employment as a case manager in Tallahatchie County where she administers the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. This program is designed to help single parents become self-sufficient so that they can transition off of public assistance.

Dianne has all intentions of retiring as a civil servant employee, realizing the opportunity given to her twenty years ago has been not only more than a privilege but rewarding by allowing her to help others in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Dianne J. Taylor for her longevity and dedication to helping others as an employee of the Mississippi Department of Health and Human Services.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF JOHN RECORDS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Records, who is transitioning from his position as Executive Director of the Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) after 21 years of tireless work providing services for the homeless and at-risk in Petaluma, California.

Since he joined the staff of COTS in 1998, John has provided the vision and management that has enabled COTS to serve more than 20,000 people with a wide range of services, including food, shelter, counseling and career coaching.

John is a national leader in taking a comprehensive approach to ending and preventing homelessness by providing services for the whole person. Through a partnership with the University of New York at Albany School of Social Welfare, John has enabled organizations across the country to learn from the COTS approach to serving its customers.

John has helped make Petaluma a welcoming community that supports its residents throughout times of need and crisis.

The residents of California's Second District are better off today thanks to the work of John Records. As he moves on, I want to express my deep appreciation for his dedication and contributions to the people of Sonoma County, and convey my best wishes for a long and happy future.

IN HONOR OF MILLER COUNTY
SHERIFF H.E. "BUDDY" GLASS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a great man and outstanding Sheriff of Miller County, Georgia, H.E. "Buddy" Glass. Sadly, Sheriff Glass passed away on June 8, 2013. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia.

Since he was elected in 1996, Sheriff Glass has served the citizens of Miller County, Georgia with devotion and distinction. Elected to a fifth term last year as chief law enforcement officer responsible for patrolling and responding to calls within the 284 square mile area of Miller County with a population of over 6,000 people, Sheriff Glass has proven to be a strong and revered leader. A great number of challenges come with a position of this caliber, exacerbated by the fact that much of this rural Southwest Georgia County is composed of unpaved roads and farmland. Sheriff Glass handled these challenges with efficiency and success.

Sheriff Glass was employed with the Miller County Sheriff's Office for more than 31 years. As Sheriff, he spearheaded the inmate work program, which has saved thousands of taxpayer dollars in garbage collection, land-

scaping efforts, and assistance with public functions in the city. He also oversaw the Miller County Operation Pill Drop, a program where citizens of the county turn in unwanted and unneeded prescription medications to keep them from falling into the wrong hands. In addition, Sheriff Glass approved an initiative to have the trustees of the Miller County Jail help distribute food from the local food bank.

In 2008, the Georgia Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an agency of the Department of Defense, honored the Miller County Sheriff's Office with an "Above and Beyond" award in recognition of the Office's outstanding support of its employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

Maya Angelou once said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies." Sheriff Glass is undoubtedly great because of his distinguished service to his community, devotion to his work, and the compassion he showed for his friends and loved ones.

Sheriff Glass is survived by his wife, Rita; children, Bo, Steven, Robert, Wendy, Danielle and Linda; one sister, Myrtle; and twelve grandchildren. He was a member of Flat Creek Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Sheriff H.E. "Buddy" Glass and his legacy of service to Miller County, Georgia. He loved the people of Miller County and he was committed to making that community safer to live in and to improving the quality of life. He will truly be missed.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
WILLIAM ZURKEY FROM AVON
LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in order to recognize Mr. William G. Zurkey who has recently retired after thirty-six years as a music teacher, the last twenty-six which have been at Avon Lake High School in Avon Lake, Ohio. Having spent his career in education and inspiring our youth, I am beyond privileged to celebrate his career.

William Zurkey holds a bachelor of Music Education from Bowling Green State University, a Master's degree in Music from Cleveland State University, and has completed course work in his doctoral studies at Kent State University. His impressive academic résumé is indicative of the immense skill and dedication William brought to his job.

The communities of Avon Lake, Ohio and Cleveland, Ohio know William for being a superior director and musical mind. Over the years, his high school chorales have received numerous awards, garnered state-wide, national and international recognition, and have been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City three times. In addition to his high school duties, William has served as an adjunct Faculty of Music Education at the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio where he directed the Women's Chorale. He has also worked with chorales at the Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory of Music in Berea, Ohio.

William's passions for music and mentoring community youth led to involvements outside of the classroom as well. He coached football at multiple levels, most recently as the head coach of the 8th Grade team at Avon Lake. Last year, William was hired to create and direct the Cleveland Pops Orchestra Chorus, which performs four times per year.

William has excelled in his career, having received widespread adulation. This past spring, his alma mater Bowling Green State University recognized him as an outstanding, notable and accomplished alumnus. He has been the president of the Ohio Choral Directors Association and has served on the American Choral Directors Association's Central Division Board. Finally, William has been named multiple times in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, a list of student-nominated educators that have been inspiration and influential in their students' lives.

I am delighted to submit a record of William's service and accomplishments. I thank him for his career-long commitment to the utmost important task of educating our younger generations: I thank him for his constant and masterful development of the arts. And I wish him only happiness as he enjoys retirement, spending time with his wife and their children, staying involved with the Bay United Methodist Church in Bay Village, Ohio, and his continued community and musical endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE NCAA CHAMPION UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the players, coaches, and staff of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill women's lacrosse team for their victory in the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Women's Lacrosse Tournament.

UNC-Chapel Hill first started competing in Division I women's lacrosse in 1996, and at the time the coaches had to recruit athletes from the women's soccer team. In just 17 seasons since, the Tar Heels have made the NCAA tournament 14 times, reaching the semifinals seven times—including three of the last four years. In light of this meteoric rise, it was only a matter of time before the team claimed its first national title.

This year, the Tar Heels entered the NCAA tournament after a remarkable 15-3 season. They upset the reigning national champion, Northwestern, in the semifinals, marking the first time in seven years that the Wildcats did not win the NCAA tournament. In the finals, the Tar Heels defeated Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) rival Maryland in triple overtime, relying on veteran leadership from NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player Kara Cannizzaro and junior veteran Abbey Friend as well as two stand-out freshmen: Goalkeeper Megan Ward, who blocked a last-minute shot by Maryland, and midfielder Sammy Jo Tracy, who scored the winning goal in sudden-death overtime. In order to recognize the contributions of all of the members of this remarkable

team, I have included the full roster and coaching staff below for inclusion in the Congressional Record, together with their hometowns and secondary schools.

I also commend Coach Jenny Levy on this triumph. Coach Levy was hired in 1994 to build a varsity program and has since developed an outstanding 224-92 record in 17 seasons as Head Coach, including a 63-18 mark over the last four seasons. A former member of the U.S. Women's Lacrosse National Team, Coach Levy is now a three-time ACC Coach of the Year, winning five league regular-season titles and the 2002 ACC Tournament title. She ranks sixth in Division I women's lacrosse history with 242 career victories—a number that I suspect will only continue to climb in future years.

On behalf of my colleagues, I extend the House's congratulations to the UNC-Chapel Hill Tar Heels for their championship season, and I look forward to welcoming them to Washington, D.C. and to the White House later this year.

UNC TAR HEELS WOMEN'S ROSTER 2012-13 SEASON

Head Coach: Jenny Levy
Assistant Coaches: Phil Barnes, Katrina Dowd
#1 Frysinger, Mallory, Corning, N.Y. (Corning East)
#2 Hanson, Paige, Baltimore, Md. (Bryn Mawr School)
#3 Zeigler, Maddie, Alexandria, Va. (Bishop Ireton)
#4 Patterson, Paige, Alexandria, Va. (St. Stephens and St. Agnes School)
#5 Scott, Lindsay, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. (Yorktown)
#6 Skinner, Zoe, Baltimore, Md. (Towson)
#7 McGee, Sam, Baltimore, Md. (Bryn Mawr School)
#8 Address, Alyssa, Doylestown, PA (Archbishop Wood)
#9 Corzel, Margaret, Berwyn, Pa. (Merion Mercy Academy)
#11 Griffin, Jessica, Sudbury, Mass. (Lincon-Sudbury Regional)
#12 Davis, Carly, Skaneateles, NY (Skaneateles)
#13 Tracy, Sammy Jo, Bedford, N.Y. (Fox Lane)
#14 Ballard, Cassie, Millersville, Md. (Severna Park)
#15 Cannizzaro, Kara, Cazenovia, N.Y. (Cazenovia Central)
#16 Serpe, Sloane, North Caldwell, N.J. (West Essex Regional)
#17 Ward, Megan, Annapolis, Md. (St. Mary's)
#18 Friend, Abbey, Canandaigua, N.Y. (Canandaigua Academy)
#19 Scott, Sarah, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. (Yorktown)
#20 Farrell, Breda, Essex Fells, N.J. (West Essex Regional)
#21 Giles, Eileen, Concord, Mass. (Middlesex School)
#22 Garrity, Emily, Rutledge, Pa. (Strath Haven)
#23 George, Taylor, Arnold, Md. (Broadneck)
#24 Rubin, Morgan, Baltimore, Md. (Bryn Mawr School)
#25 Markison, Devin, Princeton, N.J. (Loomis Chaffee)
#26 Devlin, Kelly, Downingtown, Pa. (Downington East)
#27 Messenger, Aly, Mendham, N.J. (West Mendham)
#28 Waite, Courtney, Bernardsville, N.J. (Bernards)
#29 Schmidt, Paula, Wantagh, N.Y. (Wantagh)

#30 Martino, Kate, Summit, N.J. (Summit)
#32 Sindall, Caleigh, Silver Spring, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
#34 Lobb, Stephanie, West Chester, Pa. (West Chester East)
#35 Coppa, Brittney, Hampstead, Md. (North Carroll)
#50 Maksym, Lauren, North Massapequa, N.Y. (Farmingdale)

HONORING GENE SIEGEL ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 38 YEARS AS MAYOR OF CHICAGO RIDGE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eugene "Gene" Siegel on his retirement as mayor of the Village of Chicago Ridge. Gene is a dedicated public servant who served as mayor for over 38 years with great honor and dignity. He also served the public in numerous capacities within Cook County government, including deputy coroner for the Cook County Coroner's Office, assistant chief to the Cook County Sheriff's Office, and member of the Cook County Criminal Justice Commission. He has been Vice Chairman of the Southwest Conference of Mayors and Legislative Chairman for the Southwest Conference of Local Governments.

Mayor Siegel originally was elected in 1975 to fill an unexpired mayoral term in Chicago Ridge. He was re-elected nine times, most recently in 2009. In each election, he never lost a precinct, which speaks to his character and the respect from the community where he lives and serves. Mayor Siegel is a genuine man who approached public service not only with dignity and honor, but with humility. He believes everyone should have a voice, so he maintained an open door, willing to listen and respond to the views of his colleagues and constituents.

Over the last four decades, Mayor Siegel focused on improving and revitalizing the Village of Chicago Ridge by fixing roads and creating a solid tax base with the development of the Chicago Ridge Mall in 1981 and the Commons of Chicago Ridge in 1988, which brought in businesses to ignite the economy and create jobs for the entire region.

During his 38 years leading Chicago Ridge, Mayor Siegel witnessed the population of his town expand from 2,000 to 15,000. He was a visionary, realizing and addressing the needs of his growing community. Mayor Siegel was integral in the establishment of a full-time fire department and the development of a 130-acre industrial park, a public works facility, and a very impressive municipal complex, the last of which bears his name.

As the congressman for the Village of Chicago Ridge, I am proud to represent such a committed and dedicated man. Mayor Siegel's leadership has been a major asset to his community. I am honored to call him my friend.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor Eugene "Gene" Siegel. Mayor Siegel, you truly are a dedicated public servant who is greatly respected by your family, friends, and colleagues. You have made Chicago Ridge a great place to call home. As you embark on a new chapter in life, may you enjoy a long and well-deserved retirement and